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This Management Bulletin transmits additional clarification from the United States Department of Agriculture concerning private, unaffiliated centers providing contracted Head Start services.

Private, unaffiliated centers under contract with Head Start may only participate in the Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) via a direct agreement with the California Department of Education, Nutrition Services Division. Centers must meet all CACFP requirements for approval, including licensing. These centers cannot be claimed under Head Start agency agreements, as they do not qualify as Head Start centers. Head Start children may continue to be served in these facilities, and the income-eligible Head Start children continue to be categorically eligible for free meals.

If you have any questions, please contact your Nutrition Program Management analyst, at (916) 323-1580 or (800) 952-5609.

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